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LOCAL.

Mud everywhere.

DONALD McLeod's carts arrived from Battleford last night.

MESSRS. Brown and Swan left on Friday last to join Thompson's survey party at the crossing of the Pembina, where they are building boats in which to go down to the mouth of Slave River.

THE Indian payment which was to have been made at Riviere Qui Barre reserve on the 4th has been postponed on account of the unfavorable weather and the consequent illness of the agent, Mr. Anderson, until Monday next.

THE ball at the Edmonton Hotel on Thursday night last was quite a success, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. There was an attendance of nearly one hundred and dancing was kept up with spirit until daylight in the morning. The whole ground floor of the new building was used as a ball room.

ON Thursday night Mr. R. McKernan of the south side finding his stable roof leaking, took the team of horses and put them in an old shanty which was on the place. In the morning he found that they had broken through the floor into the cellar during the night and had killed themselves. The team was worth between \$350 and \$400.

S. D. MULKINS and J. Lake left for the east per skiff on Thursday. Mr. Mulkins who has a squatter's right to a great part of the Battleford town site, goes to see about it now that the town site is being surveyed. He expects to be back in November. Mr. Lake goes to Prince Albert and Winnipeg. He will return in the spring.

A boy named Grey of St. Albert was taken in charge by the police on Friday last as a dangerous lunatic. He is about nineteen years of age and was of sound mind until about a month ago, when without any apparent cause he became insane and at times dangerous, and will be kept at Ft. Saskatchewan until his case can be decided on by Col. Richardson, when he will probably be sent to Manitoba.

A MEETING of the directors of the Agricultural Association was held at Mr. Mulkins' office on Wednesday evening. Subscriptions to the amount of \$297 were reported, with Fort Saskatchewan and several other places to hear from. The details of a list of prizes were then discussed and agreed upon, and Messrs. Taylor and McCauley with the secretary were appointed a committee to attend to the printing of fifty copies in proper form. It was agreed that the time for closing the list of entries should be 9 o'clock on the morning of the exhibition. After an informal discussion of various other matters the meeting adjourned to meet again at the same place on Thursday evening the 12th inst. The prizes offered amount to \$323.

A LITTLE EXCITEMENT.

From accounts received it appears that the payment of the Bear's Hills and Battle River Indians did not come off as quietly as such events have usually done in this district. The Indians had been informed beforehand that payment would be made to the bands, each on its own reserve, and they had unanimously agreed that they would not receive payment anywhere but at Peace Hills, where the Indian farm is located and which is about 15 miles nearer Edmonton than the reserves. After the payment of the Pigeon Lake Indians was concluded at the Big Stone Creek on the 26th, Peter Erasmus, the interpreter, was sent ahead to explain the situation to the Indians and he was holding council with them when the agent and party arrived there. He being determined not to humor them and not wishing to lose any time in talking drove past the camp without paying any attention to them or noticing that they had their flags

up, which it seems is the sign that a very important council is being held. The party camped for the night about three miles further on at the Peace Hills Creek, while most of the traders remained with the Indians. Some parleying was held with the Indians that evening but without result. The Indians considered themselves insulted by the agent and were quite wrathful. Next morning, the 27th, the government party moved on to the Bear's Hill where the payment was to have been made. Erasmus was sent from there to induce the Indians to come and after considerable diplomacy, and the giving of some presents by Mr. McKay of the H. B. Co., they started, but only travelled about three miles to the Peace Hills Creek, and then camped, refusing to move another inch. The 29th was the day on which they were to have been paid, and the agent was determined to remain that day on the payment ground waiting for them to come, while they were equally determined to compel him to pay them on that day where they were, and finally, fearing that if they were not paid on that day they would not be paid at all, they decided to bring him by force. Accordingly a party of 18 young fellows started out on horseback fully armed and approached the agent's camp in a very demonstrative manner. They then began speech making, at first in a somewhat conciliatory but afterwards in a threatening tone. It is hard to say what was the exact reason that they gave for desiring to be paid at the Peace Hills rather than on their reserves but they appeared to think that the latter place having been a treaty ground for generations should still continue to be such, that it was the most appropriate place and that as the Pigeon Lake Creeks had their place of payment removed from Pigeon Lake to Pipestone Creek and then from Pipestone to Big Stone, where the payment was made, the Bear's Hills Indians might claim a similar privilege. The amount of the matter was that they desired the change partly from superstition and partly from cussedness. One of the speakers—very suggestively—regretted that hereafter they would not be able to call their old treaty ground "Peace" Hills. At last, having worked themselves up to a condition of great excitement, a speaker asked Mr. Anderson for his final answer, whether he would go or not. Mr. Anderson refused and the Indians at once jumped on their horses started after the horses of the agent's party, and drove them up to the camp, with the intention of taking the whole party back to Peace Hills by force. The agent still refused to go, but after considerable palaver he said that the next day as he was passing their camp on his way to Edmonton he would speak with their chiefs. Whether it was because they were satisfied with this promise or because they were simply afraid to take strong measures or whether the arrival of Messrs. Coleman, Williams & Turner from Edmonton on their way to Bow River had any effect on them, they offered no violence. They indulged in very tall talking for some time longer, but finally returned to their own camp. On the 30th, as the agent and party came near the camp, Ermine Skin came out and stopped them. Mr. Anderson told him that if the Indians were ready to take their money now without any further talk he would stop and pay them but that having to make a payment at Riviere Qui Barre on the 4th he had no time to lose. Ermine Skin told him to go up and unhitch and they would talk of that afterwards. Bob Tail then came up and expressed himself as willing to take payment without any talk, so the payment was commenced. Ermine Skin and Sampson still desired to make trouble but not succeeding they took their pay at last quietly enough. As it was late in the day before the payment was commenced and the weather had become very disagreeable, it was impossible to finish paying that day. The payment was finally concluded on the day following and the agent's party started home on Monday morning.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The cholera has broken out in Japan.

Emerson is to have a daily paper again—the International.

The total mileage of the consolidated G.T.R. is 3,339 miles.

The question of prohibition is coming to the front in Minnesota.

Portage la Prairie has voted \$50,000 for further public improvements.

J. J. Hill is now president of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway Co.

The C.P.R. Co. will have 100 miles of their South-Western Branch laid this fall.

Heavy rains in southern Manitoba in the latter part of July injured the hay crop considerably.

Potato bugs still flourish in the eastern provinces and the army worm has appeared in Nova Scotia.

The North West Cattle Company are taking 3,000 head of cattle to their ranch at High River this season.

A paper is to be started at the new town of Waubeesh in the Turtle Mountain district, southern Manitoba.

Notwithstanding the opposition of the government the tunnel under the English channel has been commenced.

The people of Stonewall are petitioning to have the old branch of the C.P.R., which runs to their town, kept open for business.

Construction has been begun on the C.P.R. east of Thunder Bay, and contracts for the whole of the work are to be let early next year.

After the first of August Grip will be published simultaneously in Toronto and Winnipeg. The contents of the Winnipeg edition will have a special application to affairs in the North-West. No family should be without it.

A hail and wind storm in the township of Snowflake, southern Manitoba, blew down the house of a man named Sawtell, killing him and injuring his wife, child and a man named Lewis who happened to be in the house at the time.

Mr. Stavelly Hill, Q.C., M.P., and his son, left Toronto for the Rockies lately having taken up land for ranching purposes, in conjunction with his brother, and the earl of Lathom, well-known as a breeder of short-horns. Mr. Hill brought out with him ten bulls, which have been sent to their destination via Montana.

Prince Arthur's Landing has been decided on as the Thunder Bay terminus of the C.P.R. and may be expected to boom accordingly. Although the rails are laid from Thunder Bay to Winnipeg it will be impossible to open the road with safety until next spring as there are immense fills to be made in places now crossed on trestle work.

Sir Alexander and Indian Commissioner Galt are making a tour of inspection in the southern part of the territories, taking in Calgary and MacLeod. The former, who is Canadian ambassador in London will return to England via the Union Pacific R.R. and New York. He will be in a first class position when he gets back to "promote" profitable schemes for investing largely in North West lands.

The Edmonton and Saskatchewan Land Company of Canada (Limited), with a capital of four hundred thousand dollars, divided into four thousand shares of one hundred dollars, is composed as follows: George Gordon Duffan of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Esq.; William Bain Searth, of Toronto, Esq., the Honorable Alexander Morris of Toronto, McLeod Stewart, of Ottawa, Esq., Archibald Stewart of Ottawa, Esq., Joseph James Gormully of Ottawa, Esq., William Darley Bently of Montreal, Esq., the Hon. Jedediah Slason Carvell of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, merchant and Senator, the Hon. Alexander Walker Ogilvie, of Montreal, merchant and Senator, John Smith Maclean of Halifax, merchant and President of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Jeremiah Harrison of St. John, New Brunswick, merchant, and John Leonard Harris of Moncton, New Brunswick, Merchant. All kinds of intoxicating liquors are articles in which this company may not deal. These are the patriots who have secured the right to make the people of Edmonton either fill

their pockets by improving the country, or injure themselves by keeping out immigration. The game is not played out yet, however, and until it is you can't sometimes most always hardly ever tell who is going to win it.

A correspondent of the Stratford Beacon writing from Edmonton, gives a glowing description of the country and its prospects, but advises people not to come here. He thinks it is "too soon for the average settler to come. Let him try to find some eligible spot not so far west. The land here is not surveyed yet, and there may be some trouble before all claims are settled; the cost of living is so high that it is a hard place for a beginner to set up a home; and finally it is so difficult and costly to reach the place." If the average settler could be induced by such paltry drawbacks to take up land in an inferior district, we quite agree with the correspondent that it would be better for him to do so. It is not by such that we hope to see the Edmonton district settled, but by men worthy of the place. To come down to hard pan facts, the land here is already or is being rapidly surveyed; there will be no more difficulty in settling disputes in regard to claims here than anywhere else that land grabbers have received grants, which is practically everywhere; the cost of living may be a little higher than at other places but so necessarily are the prices of farm produce; and lastly all the difference in cost in time or money between reaching Edmonton and any other point off the railway is so little as not to be worth counting when it is considered that a man need only make the one move in his lifetime. Further, we beg to remark, that in the accompaniments of civilization, such as churches schools, mills, postal, telegraphic and steamboat facilities, Edmonton is unexcelled in the North-West and is only equalled by Prince Albert, while in quality of soil and climate and abundance of coal and timber, it is unequalled in the North-West and unsurpassed in the world.

Herald, Sept. 2nd.—J. Pritchard of Battleford trades at Saddle Lake. Eight buffalo were seen lately at the Trampling Lake. Crops at Battleford were good this season and were safely gathered. The Stonies on Moquito's reserve have commenced fall ploughing. Wylde & Bourque's herd of beef cattle stampeded during the night of August 17th and most of them were found on the islands in the Saskatchewan below Battleford. Threshing has commenced. A surveyor, named Davis shot himself lately at Qu'Appelle. A colonization society from Belleville, Ont., has selected its land on the north side of the Saskatchewan opposite Battleford. The man McIntyre who was shot by an Indian at Touchwood (not Moosewood as stated in our telegram) Hills was taken to Qu'Appelle and is likely to recover. J. Doupe, D.L.S., will subdivide ten townships west of the 4th principal meridian, near Ft. Pitt, this fall and winter. Penny readings are to be held at Battleford this winter. Mr. A. G. Cavana, D.L.S., will lay out the Battleford town site at once. The portion to be laid out extends from the post planted by Mr. King on the river trail and will include the building occupied by Mr. A. E. Forget on the west, Government House on the south, and will be bounded on the north by the Battle River. The streets, which will run east and west, will be ninety-nine feet in width, while the avenues, running north and south, will have a width of sixty-six feet. The lots will have a frontage of sixty-six feet, extending back ninety-nine feet to a lane sixteen and a half feet in width, and there will be twenty lots in a block. Mr. Cavana will take declarations from each resident as to the nature of his claim. When this is done he goes to a point west of the fourth principal meridian to outline ten townships, extending across the Battle River. Fifteen families of immigrants for the Temperance Colony had arrived at Clarke's crossing of the South Branch up to last accounts and were hard at work making improvements. Johnny Pruden has taken up a claim between the rivers, and is going farming. James Taylor arrived recently from Manitoba with his two brothers-in-law, and has gone up between the rivers to settle in the same locality as that chosen by his brothers.

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LOCAL.

GRAIN is coming to mill briskly.

INDIANS are scarce around town since the payments.

WOOD is worth \$3 to \$4 a cord delivered and coal \$4 a ton.

GEORGE PICARD arrived from Benton on Thursday of last week.

PAYMENT of the Indians at Victoria took place on the 27th. All quiet.

J. KNOWLES found two ripe strawberries on the flat near the H.B.Co. mill last week.

FUNDS for the agricultural exhibition are coming in as rapidly as can be expected.

W. YOUNG, who left here in the spring for Manitoba got back last week with his family.

SEVERAL members of Simpson's survey party have taken claims just east of the Old Man's Knoll.

POTATOES sell generally for seventy-five cents a bushel, but it is said that some are being sold as low as fifty cents.

WALTER ROBINSON of Winnipeg and Alfred Dawson of Newcastle, England, arrived with Ad McPherson. They had three carts containing a small farming outfit.

HORRIBLE weather on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Snowing and raining in turns all the time. Luckily both grain and root crops were secured before the bad weather set in.

C. A. MAGRATH has run the outlines of townships 52, ranges 23 and 24, south side, and Beatty's party is subdividing them. When these are finished all the townships adjoining Edmonton will have been surveyed.

MR. KEITH and wife, Mrs. H. McKay and six children, and Mr. McCallum arrived from Winnipeg on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Mandeville, who went down last spring, travelled with the party from Qu'Appelle until they got near here, when he came on ahead.

AD MCPHERSON'S train of twenty-nine and R. McLellan's of ten carts arrived at the river on Saturday, but owing to the unfavorable weather did not get unloaded until Wednesday. The freight comprised 25,000 lbs. for A. Macdonald & Co., 12,000 lbs. for F. Oliver, 7,000 lbs. for Norris & Carey, 1,500 lbs. for J. Goodridge, 1,000 lbs. for T. G. Hutchings and a stock of iron for Sanderson & Looby.

SHARPHEAD'S band of Stonies from Pigeon Lake, comprising about thirty families, were paid at the Big Stone Creek, near Peace Hills farm, on the 25th of September. Some horse and foot racing took place after the payment was over, the principal event being a half mile race between Colin Fraser's colt and a cream horse belonging to Okanese, a Victoria Indian, which was won by Fraser by about three lengths. On the morning of the 26th Muddy Bull's band of Pigeon Lake Crees received their payment at the same place. Bob-Tail's Ermine Skin's and Sampson's bands of Crees received their payments about three miles south of the Peace Hills. The same unpleasant weather was experienced at the payments there as at Edmonton. About twelve inches of snow fell at the Peace Hills. The Laboucaus had a large quantity of goods at the payments and made an excellent trade. The H.B.Co. R. Logan, C. Sutter and C. Fraser also had goods on the ground and made considerable sales. The agent and party and most of the traders got back to Edmonton on Wednesday last.

At a meeting of the general church committee of the Methodist congregation here, held on Wednesday night last, it was decided to increase the seating capacity of the church by placing the present seats closer together and adding others in the space thus made besides making other changes so as to make it possible to accommodate 150 people. It was also decided to take away the pillars which were put in to support a gallery should it ever have become necessary to build one, and which detract from the appearance of the church without being of any present benefit. Also to erect an outside porch, with a view to making the church warmer and adding to its appearance as well as to the comfort of those who may be obliged to delay at the door during stormy weather. Also to bank the church and make the horse shed accessible by fixing the gate. Rev. Mr. Sanderson and

Messrs. Hamby and Henderson were appointed a committee to enquire into the probable cost of the proposed improvements, and will report at the next meeting of the general committee to be held next Tuesday evening at the parsonage.

EDMONTON LITERARY CLUB.

The meeting in the Masonic Hall last Monday evening for the organization of a literary club was well attended, considering the unfavorable weather. All present seemed deeply interested in the project.

S. D. Mulkins was called to the chair and stated at some length the objects of the proposed club and the benefits to be derived from connection with it. It was desired to provide a comfortable room where the young men of the place could profitably spend their winter evenings by reading the leading newspapers and periodicals of the day, or becoming acquainted with the works of the best authors, and also a place where they could meet their friends and acquaintances. W. S. Robertson had offered to finish off a room in his new hotel for the purpose and let it to the club at five dollars a month. A number of newspapers, magazines and books had been promised already and these could be added to from time to time. The expense at the outset would not be great.

The organization of the club was then proceeded with by the election of the following officers: President, G. A. Simpson; vice-president, Jas. McDonald; secretary-treasurer, J. Hamby; curator, (librarian) J. M. Wright; directors, Rev. A. B. Baird, Rev. D. C. Sanderson, Dr. L. Munro, Dr. H. C. Wilson, Messrs. S. D. Mulkins, A. Taylor and F. D. Wilson.

J. M. Wright said that he was greatly pleased at the hearty support tendered by nearly every one he had spoken to on the subject, in fact everyone acknowledged the want of something of the kind and he readily got assistance from quarters where he had hardly expected it. The only articles for which it would be required to send by next mail would be newspapers, as there was a good prospect of obtaining enough literature of every other kind to supply the room for a mail or two, so that the greater part of the money to be raised by membership fees, etc., could be used in the fitting up and furnishing of the room.

Rev. Mr. Sanderson offered to lend a table and a couple of forms for use in the room and to supply Scribner's Monthly as it came in, besides newspapers.

James McDonald thought it would take about \$200 to fit up the room and it was necessary to get to work as soon as possible.

It was decided that a meeting of the directors should be held at the Rev. Mr. Sanderson's house on the following (Tuesday) evening, after which the meeting adjourned.

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A RAILROAD.

An advertisement appears in another column giving notice that a charter will be asked at the next session of parliament for the building of a railway from or near Edmonton via Calgary and Macleod to the Cypress Hills. If the company is a real company and the members are in possession of the dollars necessary to build and run the road and if they do build and run it simply for the sake of the money to be made out of the traffic, the granting of this charter is of the greatest importance to the present and future settlers of this western part of the Territories. That the scheme is feasible there is no doubt. The country is level along the whole route and includes the best farming and grazing lands in the Dominion, and all that is wanted is railroad communication to cause it to become thickly and quickly settled and thereby give the railway a good paying traffic. Crossing the C.P.R. it would give communication with the outside world by that road, and should times ever change so that connection could be made with lines to the south of the boundary it would be able to compete on equal terms with the C.P.R. for the traffic of the far North-West.

It may be, too, that storms are brewing in Canada for the C.P.R. and that many of the capitalists there who have not been able to get a finger into the Syndicate pie, are uniting their forces either to form a new company altogether or to strengthen the hands of the Grand Trunk, that this and other similar charters are being secured which at the proper time will be united under one organization and war be declared on the C.P.R. along the whole line. Should this be the case the North-Westerners will have cause to rejoice, as their deliverance from railroad monopoly will be possible and almost certain. There is an old saying "When thieves fall out honest men get their due," so if there is war in the North-West between two would-be monopolies, the people will be likely to get their rights in the way of cheap and efficient railway accommodation.

So far we have considered this as a bona fide railway project, and worthy of all encouragement as such, but experience teaches that the getting of a charter does not necessarily mean the building of a railway, and also that railways and railway companies may be so manipulated as to become more of a curse than a blessing. These are companies promoted by men whose capital is their cheek and whose object is robbery, who enter into the project not for what can be made out of it in a legitimate business way but for what can be swindled out of a gullible public. To this class, it is to be regretted, the majority of the railway schemes of the present time belong. One after another they are being gobbled by the larger, older and more solid institutions and the money supplied in bonuses by the municipalities through which they ran, in order that competition might be secured with the older lines, is being added to the wealth of these same lines, thereby

strengthen the monopoly it was given to destroy. While the debts incurred in order to raise the bonuses still hang like mill stones around the necks of the municipalities all hope of the competition that they were given to secure has vanished forever. It is necessary, therefore, before people give their adhesion to any railroad scheme, no matter how smooth the tongue of the able promoter or how pretty the plan looks on paper, that they should satisfy themselves that the company mean business and that they have sufficient means, ability and honesty to carry out their bargain. If the Edmonton and Cypress Hills Company can do this no doubt the people of this district will give them such assistance as they are able, but if they cannot they will have to look elsewhere for funds on which to operate. Promoters of railway schemes may make a note of it that at least the Edmonton district does not depend for its existence or even prosperity on railroad communication and that the people can afford to wait for a year or two until they are able to make a bargain that suits them, and do not at present desire to mortgage themselves or their land to any bogus enterprise.

A FUNNY MAN.

A writer in the Toronto World named M. Butt Hewson, who by the way is an Irishman, has been at considerable pains lately to prove that Manitoba and the North-West are failures as agricultural regions when compared with the Muskoka district in Ontario. He condemns Sir John A. Macdonald for having been the means of turning the attention of the public in their direction and thinks that the Reform papers in Ontario are not fulfilling their mission because they do not attempt to keep their people at home. However, he goes in single-handed, and proves to his own satisfaction at least from the census returns that there has been no great rush of settlement into the North-West, and that the population has not increased as rapidly as it has done in the Algoma and Muskoka districts of Ontario; that the greater part of those who go to Manitoba return home or go to the States, and that as there has not up to the present time been sufficient food raised in the country to supply the home demand therefore the country is not as good for growing crops as the county of Bruce, Ontario, which two years after it was first settled gave surpluses of grain to the amount of thousands of bushels; he therefore decides that "Manitoba has been weighed in the balances and found wanting" and that these facts show unmistakably "the nakedness of the land." He concludes as follows: "With such irresistible evidences as all this corroborating the report of disinterested witnesses, what can justify the 'boom' which working ruin to individual, and depletion to Ontario, makes Manitoba, in effect, a decoy for alluring our fellow citizens from their homes to swell the population of Dakota?"

We have read that some years ago a very ingenious Frenchman published a book, the object of which was to prove that no such person as Napoleon Bonaparte ever existed, we have also heard that certain parties with nimble tongues were able to prove the moon to be made of green cheese, but this man who can sit down calmly in his office and figure a country containing millions of acres of fertile land populous cities and hundreds of miles of railroad practically out of existence can claim a proud pre-eminence in sophistry—or lunacy—over anything that has yet appeared.

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